

## **South Atlantic Water Science Center (SAWSC) Student Corps**

The United States Geological Survey's (USGS) South Atlantic Water Science Center (SAWSC) offers part-time and full time entry-level, paid positions in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to current students and recent graduates. These positions are ideally suited for talented individuals seeking hands on experience in environmental science, hydrology, physical science, and biological sciences. If you are interested in field work and building your technical skills as part of a team of expert technicians & scientists focused on water resources in the Southeast U.S., then we want you to be part of the SAWSC Student Corps!

### **Position Description:**

Students will be expected to perform or assist with hydrologic field investigations, including any of the following: simple measurements of stage and discharge, water levels, and/or water quality parameters; observes and notes various hydraulic or environmental conditions; performs simple data compilation and computation assignments for eventual entry into various databases; assists in minor repairs and the construction of field monitoring stations; participates as member of a field party performing various assignments such as collecting GPS data and levels at gaging stations, flagging high-water marks, and collecting water-quality samples; and participates in field work performed via watercraft.

### ***To qualify, you must:***

- be at least 18 years of age
- be eligible to work in the U.S.
- possess a valid driver's license
- show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19
- be enrolled in good standing or a recent graduate (<1 yr ago) at an accredited High School, College or University

### **Compensation:**

Compensation is commensurate with level of education and experience, as follows:

<b>High School Diploma</b>	\$13.27/hr
<b>1+ Years of College</b>	\$14.48/hr
<b>2+ Years of College</b>	\$16.26/hr
<b>BA/BS Degree (Recent Graduate)</b>	\$18.19/hr

The Government does not provide housing, meals or other living expenses while working at the principal duty station. Government issued equipment may include: a cellphone, laptop, and/or travel credit card. All appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will also be provided. SAWSC does not provide educational credit for Student Corps positions.

**Work Location & Transportation:**

Applicant will report to the USGS Charleston, SC Field Office located at Fort Johnson on James Island. Applicant will be responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the Charleston Field Office. Field work will be conducted along the South Carolina coast and a government vehicle will be provided/available for all work-related transportation. Some overnight travel may be required for field work. Lodging and meal expenses will be paid for by the USGS for overnight trips.

**Working Conditions:**

Work is performed outdoors in a field setting involving exposure to a range of weather and temperature conditions. Applicant must be comfortable working in and around water via bridges, piers, and watercraft. Work will require some physical exertion such as: long periods of standing; walking over rough, uneven, or rocky surfaces; recurring bending, crouching, stooping, stretching, reaching, or similar activity; or recurring lifting of moderately heavy items weighing less than 50 pounds such as lifting and carrying stream gaging weights, data collection and monitoring devices, or sample trays. Exposure to poisonous growth, insects and reptiles could occur.

**Expected Work Schedule & Duration of Contract:**

Field work shifts can range from 4 to 8 hours. The student will be expected to help with field work for a minimum of one shift per week. Schedules may vary from week-to-week and can remain flexible based on student availability. Student Corps contracts are not to exceed one (1) year in duration with potential for yearly renewal.

### **Application Process:**

To apply for this position, please submit the following to the Charleston Field Office Chief, Brady Long, at [kblong@usgs.gov](mailto:kblong@usgs.gov) with the subject line ***“SAWSC Student Corps Application”***:

1. A cover letter stating your interest in the position
2. An updated resume including any relevant skills or work experience
3. Unofficial transcripts of all relevant coursework
4. Name, contact information, and relationship for at least 2 professional references

### **Next Steps:**

Applications will be reviewed within 30 days from the initial announcement, or until the position has been filled. Virtual interviews will be scheduled with all qualified applicants and selections will be made shortly thereafter. Students can expect to begin no earlier than January 2022.

Once accepted for a position, students will have approximately 2 weeks to complete additional application forms. Once hired, students will complete required online trainings to operate government vehicles, obtain a USGS email address, and to access government computer systems. Additional trainings will be determined on an as-needed basis. Student will be required to register as a government contractor through the DUNS system as well as obtain a federally issued ID card. Students will receive assistance in completing all aforementioned tasks.

***Thank you for your interest in the USGS and the South Atlantic Water Science Center!***